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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kirkpatrick et al.

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For: PRE-PATTERN SURFACE MODIFICATION FOR LOW-K DIELECTRICS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

October 18, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, before line 1, insert  This application claims priority under 35 USC §

 119(e)(1) of provisional application numbers **60/255,714** filed **12/14/00**.--

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